



Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic  
to the UN in New York



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October 7. Sexual Violence.



## CONCEPT NOTE

# High-Level Event: "Roadmap to Accountability: Breaking the Cycle of Impunity for Conflict Related Sexual Violence Across the Globe"

### Date:

March 13, 2026,  
11:00 AM

### Venue:

Permanent Mission of  
the Czech Republic to  
the United Nations

### Time:

1.5 hours

### Occasion:

The seventieth session  
of the Commission on  
the Status of Women

## BACKGROUND

The seventieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will take place at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March 2026. One of this year's themes is Ensuring and Strengthening Access to Justice for all Women and Girls, including by promoting inclusive and equitable legal systems, eliminating discriminatory laws, policies, and practices, and addressing structural barriers.

One major challenge in this regard is achieving accountability for crimes of Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV). Hence, denying access to justice for women and girls who are victims of CRSV.

Despite growing recognition of CRSV, accountability mechanisms remain inadequate, particularly in cases of mass atrocities where identifying individual perpetrators is challenging.



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## OBJECTIVES

1. Present the key findings and recommendations by The Dinah Project book and IJL legal activities, alongside case-studies from Ukraine and more.
2. Raise awareness about the use of sexual violence as a deliberate weapon of war.
3. Discuss innovative legal and evidentiary frameworks to address systematic patterns of CRSV.
4. Consider the desirability of the application of joint criminal enterprise for acts of CRSV for all willful participants in an attack.
5. Catalyze diplomatic, legal, and policy actions to strengthen accountability mechanisms for CRSV and to identify concrete avenues for advancing justice, including through an action plan outlined by the Proposing Organizations.

## FORMAT AND PROGRAM ELEMENTS

The starting point of the event will be the recently published book "A Quest For Justice: October 7 and beyond" by the Dinah Project, and will aim to generate a broad, multi-dimensional discussion on a central question: how can accountability for crimes of sexual violence be more attainable?

The event will examine recent case-studies which exemplify the key challenges that impede justice, explore how different countries have confronted these obstacles, and consider how a comprehensive roadmap can be developed to address the many complexities of conflict-related sexual violence and expand the prospects for ending impunity and achieving accountability. The discussion will be followed by testimonies of CRSV victims through ethical AI.

By creating a wide-ranging dialogue around these pressing questions, and by using the diverse challenges faced in various countries as case studies - the event aims to deepen understanding, sharpen policy thinking, and advance a more effective international response.



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## Opening Remarks

### H.E. Mr. Jakub Kulhánek

Ambassador and Permanent  
Representative of the Czech Republic  
to the United Nations, New York

### Adv. Sharon Banyan

CEO, International Association of  
Jewish Lawyers and Jurists (IJL)

### Prof. Ruth Halperin-Kaddari

Founding Member, The Dinah Project  
Founding Academic Director, The  
Rackman Center, Bar-Ilan University

### Anat Vidor

President of World WIZO

## Program

*Hearing Their Voices - Amplifying Silenced Voices of Survivors  
of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Through Ethical AI*

### Shiran Mlamdovsky Somech

Founder and CEO, Generative AI for Good

## Expert Panel

### Moderated by Raheel Raza

President of The Council for Muslims  
Against Antisemitism

### Emily Maltman

Deputy Director, Gender, Children in  
Conflict and Demining Department;  
UK Foreign, Commonwealth &  
Development Office (FCDO), Former  
UK Ambassador to the Democratic  
Republic of Congo

### Adv. Sharon Zagagi-Pinhas

Founding Member and Director, The  
Dinah Project

### Viktoriia Karpa

Deputy Head of Ukrainian Women  
Lawyers Association "JurFem", lawyer

### Erin Farrell Rosenberg

Senior and Legal Policy Advisor for  
the Dr Denis Mukwege Foundation

The discussion will examine emerging legal frameworks, comparative case studies,  
and policy innovations aimed at strengthening accountability mechanisms and  
advancing justice for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence.



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## KEY MESSAGES

1. According to the Proposing Organizations, existing legal frameworks are inadequate for addressing the collective nature of CRSV and must be amended.
2. The Proposing Organizations suggest innovative legal tools for improved responses to orchestrated campaigns of mass violence.
3. The international community must pursue diplomatic, legal, and policy actions against entities that use CRSV, including requesting their addition to the UN Secretary-General's blacklist, imposition of sanctions, the advancement of civil and international legal proceedings, and the prosecution of perpetrators.
4. Survivors of conflict-related sexual violence deserve recognition, justice, and comprehensive support services. In addition to a designated protection which acknowledges the special circumstances of such assault.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Increased awareness among Member States about the deliberate use of CRSV.
2. Greater understanding of the evidentiary and accountability challenges in mass atrocity contexts.
3. Support for the proposed legal framework that addresses the collective nature of CRSV.
4. Commitment from Member States to support specific diplomatic, legal, and policy actions.
5. Enhanced collaboration between governments, UN entities, civil society, and academia on CRSV accountability and on evidentiary challenges typical to CRSV.